

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVISE THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AIR QUALITY**

The Commissioner of Environmental Protection hereby gives notice of a public hearing as part of a proceeding to revise the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality required by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. The public hearing will address a proposed revision to the SIP intended to meet the requirements for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to approve an updating of the State of Connecticut's enhanced motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) program to reflect the change from a centralized to a decentralized program. This SIP revision demonstrates that the decentralized I/M program is equivalent to the previously approved centralized program and hence is being incorporated into the SIP in lieu of the former program. This revision will be submitted to EPA for review and approval. This proposed revision is described in detail below.

All interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed revision described below. Comments should be directed to the attention of Michele Totten of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Management, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut, 06106-5127. In addition to submitting comments at the public hearing described below, comments may be submitted by facsimile to (860) 424-4063 or by electronic mail to [michele.totten@po.state.ct.us](mailto:michele.totten@po.state.ct.us). All comments must be received by 4:30 P.M. on October 17, 2007.

### **Revision to State Implementation Plan for Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program:**

This proposed revision to the SIP consists of documentation to complete the demonstration that the State of Connecticut's enhanced I/M program has been revised and complies with federal requirements for such a program as set forth in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 51 Subpart S - Inspection/Maintenance Program Requirements.

The State of Connecticut amended its statutory authority, Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) §14-164c, effective July 1, 2001, to develop and implement a decentralized I/M program. The SIP revision also demonstrates the State of Connecticut's decentralized enhanced I/M program is equivalent to the previously approved centralized program and hence is being incorporated into the SIP in lieu of the former program.

In addition to accepting written comments, the Department of Environmental Protection will also hold the public hearing described below. Any person appearing at the hearing is requested to submit a written copy of his or her statement. However, oral comments will also be made a part of the hearing record and are welcome.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**October 17, 2007 at 10:00 AM**  
**Department of Environmental Protection, 5th Floor, Ensign Conference Room**  
**79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT**

Copies of the proposed revision described above are available for public inspection during normal business hours from 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. at the Bureau of Air Management, fifth floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut. Additional copies of the proposed revision and related documents are available for review at the Government Information Service Desk (Balcony Level) at the Connecticut State Library; Torrington Public Library; New London Public Library; and Bridgeport Public Library. For further information, contact Dr. Ellen Pierce of the Bureau of Air Management at (860) 424-3027.

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The authority to adopt this revision is granted by §§ 22a-6 and 22a-174 of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.). This notice is required pursuant to C.G.S. §§22a-6 and 40 C.F.R. §51.102.

09/04/07  
Date

/s/ Gina McCarthy  
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Commissioner